



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Chair Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025 beginning at 5:02 p.m., held at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Diccon Westworth, Ari Halberstadt, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Rahul Athalye, Keith Taylor, Jennifer Rindahl, Danielle Ballard

Welcome Mark Aulman welcomed everyone and reminded those present that VCE is seeking candidates to fill the unincorporated Yolo County CAC seat.

Public Comment / Introduction There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on the Consent Agenda.

Brief VCE staff Report **Staff Report:** VCE Staff Gordon announced that the Board did not have a meeting in March. He announced that VCE will be participating at several events coming up: Winters Youth Day at the end of April, the California Honey Festival on the first weekend of May, and Celebrate Davis mid-May. If anyone would like to volunteer to please send an email to VCE Chief Customer Officer Rebecca Kuczynski. VCE Chief Financial Officer Edward Burnham announced that VCE completed its Prepay clean energy project revenue bond, recognizing an estimated \$3 Million annual reduction in cost of VCE's long-term renewable energy contracts, which is approximately \$35 Million savings over the 10 year period.

Agenda Mark Aulman announced that since there was no quorum of CAC members at this time, the Agenda items will be moved around, focusing on information items first until a quorum has been achieved. Mr. Aulman moved on to the 2025 Long Range Calendar item then will move to the Senate Bill 540 information item.



**Item 7 4: Receive
2025 Long Range
Calendar.
(Information)**

It was noted that Senate Bill (SB) 540 was scheduled for the CAC's upcoming April 24, 2025 meeting wherein Staff will seek a recommendation from the CAC to the Board. Thereafter, the CAC's recommendation would be provided to the Board at their May 8th meeting. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 6 5: Receive a
background
briefing and
discuss Senate Bill
540 (Becker)
Pathways Initiative
and Regional
Organization.
(Information /
Discussion)**

VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears introduced this item. (Cynthia Rodriquez arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

Staff presented a briefing of Senate Bill (SB) 540. CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov provided a background on Western markets, legislative bill elements, and provided his own personal thoughts and questions.

Staff and CAC discussed: Western markets, background of pathways initiative, structure and key elements, key protections for California, key points of supporters and opponents to the legislative bill, and the next steps. Staff asked that questions be directed via email to VCE Staff only. There were no written public comments.

Verbal public comment: Chirstine Shewmaker informed those present that she is glad that the CAC is discussing this bill twice, then to the Board for their discussion prior to taking a position on this legislative bill. She quickly reviewed the questions that she had about the bill.

This was an information agenda item and no action was taken. Staff informed those present that Legislative & Regulatory Task Group continue to discuss this bill and it is the goal of Staff to bring this topic back to the CAC at their April 24, 2025 meeting for further discussion.

Consent Items

A quorum of CAC Members was present. Diccon Westworth made a motion to approve the Consent agenda item, seconded by Cynthia Rodriquez. Motion passed with Athalye, Taylor, Rindahl, and Ballard absent. Item 6 - February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Item 5 7: Approval
of Legislative &
Regulatory and
Programs &
Outreach Task
Group Charges.
(Discussion/Action)**

There were no slides for this item. Staff is seeking the CAC's review, input and approval of the draft Legislative & Regulatory and Programs & Outreach Task Group Charges. There were no comments from the CAC Members. There were no written or verbal public comments.



Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the Legislative & Regulatory and Programs & Outreach Task Group Charges, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Athalye, Taylor, Rindahl, and Ballard absent.

**Item 8: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements.**

There were no announcements by the CAC members or VCE Staff.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2025 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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